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Subject: Los Angeles County Token Program for the Indigent

Good Morning Nicole:

On August 8, 2006, Agenda Item 28, the Board accepted a \$700,000 grant from Metro to reimburse a portion of the County's costs for the Los Angeles County Token Program for the Indigent during FY 2005-06. We would like to place a similar item to accept a \$700,000 grant from Metro to reimburse a portion of the FY 2006-07 costs of the program on the Board's March 6, 2007, agenda.

Currently, \$2,000,000 of our (the County's portion of) Proposition A Local Return Transit funds are provided annually to the Department of Public Social Services for their Los Angeles County Token Program for the Indigent. The County began using its share of Proposition A Local Return funds to subsidize this program in Fiscal Year 1992-93 at an initial funding level of \$3,000,000. In 1997, we were successful in obtaining a \$700,000 annual grant from Metro to partially offset the cost of this program. In Fiscal Year 2001-02, the total subsidy was reduced to \$2,000,000. Both, the expenditure and the grant funds are allocated to each Supervisorial District based on their unincorporated area population. This project benefits the General Relief clients in all cities and the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles by providing transportation to locations for training and job search activities as well as transportation for their first month of employment.

Public Works will not be recommending this \$2 million subsidy from the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program in Fiscal Year 2007-08. DPSS will need to identify other funding sources for this program. We will work with Metro and DPSS to ensure that the County continues to receive this grant.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Thought of the Month:

Failure is not defeat ... until you stop trying.